

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) A hair treatment composition comprising

- i) 2-hydroxyalkanoic acid and;
- ii) 0.1 to 10 wt% of a styling aid.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) A hair treatment composition according to claim 1 in which the 2-hydroxyalkanoic acid is selected from the group consisting of 2-hydroxyhexanoic acid, 2-hydroxy heptanoic acid, 2-hydroxyoctanoic acid, 2-hydroxynonanoic acid, 2-hydroxydecanoic acid or mixtures thereof.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A hair treatment composition according to claim 1 or claim 2 in which the 2-hydroxyalkanoic acid is 2-hydroxyoctanoic acid.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim ~~claim 1~~ in which the styling aid is a vinylic polymer.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim ~~claim 1~~ in which the polymer is a block copolymer.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A hair treatment composition according to any preceding claim ~~claim 1~~ that is a leave on product.

Claim 7 (Original) A method of styling hair by applying to the hair a composition comprising a 2-hydroxyalkanoic acid.

Claim 8 (Original) Use of a 2-hydroxyalkanoic acid to style hair.

Claim 9 (Original) Use of a 2-hydroxyalkanoic acid to impart a longer lasting hairstyle at high humidity.